IN THE ABSTRACT:

In response to the requirement in paragraph 4 of the Office Action, an Abstract of The Disclosure is submitted on a separate page attached hereto (see the accompanying "marked-up" version).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked-up" version pursuant to 1.121):

Cancel claim 1.

2.   (Amended) A method for compiling health information, performed by a computer-controlled apparatus, the method comprising:

establishing a database for storing a plurality of health statuses of a plurality of users, wherein the database is centrally-accessible from the Internet;

receiving, from a user, data corresponding to a health statistic of the user, the data generated by a health monitoring device;

analyzing the health statistic to determine a health status from the health statistic;

storing the health status in the database; and

updating a population statistic based on the health status and the plurality of health statuses.

3.   (Amended)   The method of claim 2, wherein the health statistic comprises

cardiovascular data.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the cardiovascular data corresponds to a blood pressure of the user.

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5. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the health monitoring device comprises an electret transducer.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the receiving step further comprises:

receiving, from the user, a request to store the data;

receiving a financial account identifier corresponding to a financial account; and

charging a fee against the financial account in response to the request.

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10. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the receiving step further comprises:

receiving user identification data corresponding to the user including at least one of: a name, an address, a login name, a password, a health care provider, a health insurance provider, a time that the first data was generated, and a financial account identifier corresponding to a financial account; and

receiving user medical data corresponding to the user including at least one of: an age, a height, a weight, an activity level, an ethnic group, a medical history, and a family medical history.

14.   (Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving, from a second user, a request for the health status; and

providing the health status to the second user.

20.   (Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving, from a second user, second data corresponding to a health statistic of the second

user.

21.   (Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving, from the user, second data corresponding to the health statistic of the user at a

separate time;

analyzing the second data to generate a second health statistic of the user; and

storing the second health statistic of the user.

25.   (Amended)   A method, performed by a computer-controlled apparatus, for

submitting acoustical

cardiovascular data to a central database, the method comprising:

receiving, from a user, a request to detect a cardiovascular signal of the user;

initializing a cardiovascular monitoring device connected to a computer in response to the

request;

measuring the cardiovascular signal during a startup routine performed by the computer;

analyzing a waveform of the cardiovascular signal to determine at least one of a shape of

the signal, a slope of the signal, and an area under the signal; and

receiving, at the computer, at least a portion of the detected cardiovascular signal of the user; and

transmitting data based on the received cardiovascular signal to a central database for storage in a record corresponding to the user.

28.   (Amended) The method of claim 25, the method further comprising:

determining a cardiovascular age factor of the user based on the measuring step; and

wherein the transmitting step further comprises:

transmitting the cardiovascular age factor to the central database.